

(b) The logistic infrastructure of the terrorist training camps inside Pakistan still remains intact. The number of successful assessed infiltration from across the border have not declined.

(c) There are no inputs to suggest that Pakistan has reduced troops on its borders. Both the sides have agreed to maintain the sanctity of the Line of Control.

Purchase of Israeli missile system

†27. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating any plan to buy Israeli missile system to rid Indian Army of apprehensions of air strike;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present status of indigenous missile production?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) Procurement of Air Defence equipment for Indian Army is based on the assessed requirements from time to time. Such procurements are made as per the provisions of Defence Procurement Procedures applicable at the time of procurement.

(c) Prithvi-I and Prithvi-II missiles have been inducted into service. BrahMos missile, developed as a joint venture with Russia, is in production. Other missile programmes are at different stages of development.

Development of Infrastructure for textiles sector

28. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated an ambitious programme to develop infrastructure for the textile sector in the country, particularly in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the scheme-wise details thereof alongwith the financial allocation made by Government during the Tenth Plan; and

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(c) the effective measures being taken by Government to implement the above programmes in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVA): (a) With a view to improve the infrastructure facilities, in 2002, Government had launched the Apparel Parks for Exports Scheme (APES) and the Textile Centre Infrastructure Development Scheme (TCIDS). Whereas the APES was to create exclusive export zones of excellence of apparel manufacturing, the TCIDS was to modernize and fill in the gaps in the existing infrastructure at the existing major textile centres. In 2005, The Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks (SITP) was launched by merging the APES and TCIDS. The objective of the SITP is to provide the textile industry with world-class infrastructure facilities for setting up their textile units.

(b) Under the TCIDS, 18 projects have been sanctioned at an estimated project cost of Rs. 500.09 Crore, out of which Government of India support would be Rs. 271.67 Crore. State-wise break-up is—Andhra Pradesh (2), Gujarat (3), Haryana (1), Jammu & Kashmir (1) Kerala (1), Madhya Pradesh (1), Maharashtra (3), Rajasthan (2), Tamil Nadu (3) and Uttar Pradesh (1).

Under the APES, 12 projects have been sanctioned at an estimated project cost of Rs. 433.60 Crore, out of which Government of India support would be Rs. 191.70 Crore, State-wise break-up is—Andhra Pradesh (1), Gujarat (1), Karnataka (1), Kerala (1), Madhya Pradesh (1), Maharashtra (1), Punjab (1), Rajasthan (1), Tamil Nadu (2) and Uttar Pradesh (2).

So far 26 projects have been sanctioned under the SITP. State-wise break-up is—Andhra Pradesh (4), Gujarat (6), Karnataka (1), Maharashtra (6), Rajasthan (2), Tamil Nadu (5) Uttar Pradesh (1) and West Bengal (1). The estimated project cost of these 26 projects is Rs. 2411.20 Crore, out of which Government of India support would be Rs. 862.55 Crore.

An amount of Rs. 775 Crore has been approved for implementation of these schemes during the Tenth Five Year Plan.

(c) Government has signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the Infrastructure Leasing and Financial Services (ILF&S) as Project Management Consultant (PMC) for implementing the Scheme. The role and functions of the PMC are:

- (i) Identifying the locations for setting up the Integrated Textile Park based on a Scientific assessment of the demand and potential of the area.
- (ii) Facilitating formation of Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) at each project level with the participation of local industry.
- (iii) Preparation of Project Plan including the setting of standard for infrastructure.
- (iv) Structure and appraise the projects and submit the same for consideration of Project Approval Committee (PAC).
- (v) Assist the SPV in selection of agencies for preparation of bid documents, construction, operation and maintenance of the facilities in the Project.
- (vi) Assist the SPV in achieving financial closure.
- (vii) To liaise with the State Governments to resolve State-related problems.
- (viii) Ensure timely completion of project(s) as fixed by the PAC.

Shortage of fighter aircrafts

†29. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of shortage of fighter aircrafts being felt by the Indian Air Force and since when;

(b) steps being taken by the Government to immediately provide necessary fighter aircrafts to Indian Air Force in view of agreement for purchase of F-16 aircrafts being given to Pakistan by America; and

(c) by when the said aircrafts would be made available to the Indian Air Force alongwith the features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (c) Government constantly review the security environment and accordingly decide to induct appropriate equipment and to make other arrangements

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